



# Vital Information About Your Anesthetic

*What you need to know about your breathing  
for future surgeries*

**This handout explains what you need to know about your breathing, in case you have another surgery where a breathing tube is needed. If you do have another surgery, be sure to share this information with your anesthesiologist.**

## Helping You Breathe

During your recent surgery, an anesthesia provider (*anesthesiologist* or *nurse anesthetist*) placed a tube in your airway to help you breathe.

In your case, extra attention was needed to place the tube. Your anesthesiologist placed the tube in your airway using a technique that is not used for all patients.

**If you ever have a breathing tube placed again for surgery or for difficulty breathing, tell your anesthesiologist that this special technique was done.**

**It could save your life.**

Your airway is described on the back of this handout, along with the techniques that your anesthesiologist used. It is written in terms that another anesthesiologist can understand.

If you ever have surgery again – here at University of Washington Medical Center (UWMC) or anywhere else – take this handout with you and share it with your health care providers.

## Your Anesthesiologist

Your *anesthesiologist* is the doctor who keeps you asleep and manages your pain during surgery. This doctor also monitors your heart rate, blood pressure, and breathing. A *nurse anesthetist* does these same tasks.

If a problem occurs during surgery, your anesthesiologist is the first person who will provide treatment.

Before any surgery, be sure to tell your anesthesiologist about any health problems or special needs you have that could affect your surgery or recovery. These include allergies, conditions, or effects from earlier procedures and surgeries.

## Questions?

Call 206-598-4260

Your questions are important. Call your doctor or health care provider if you have questions or concerns. UWMC clinic staff are also available to help at any time.

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## My General Anesthetic

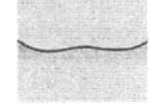
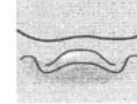
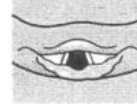
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Procedure: \_\_\_\_\_

### Intubation

Laryngoscope(s) used: \_\_\_\_\_

Laryngoscopy view:  Grade I  Grade II  Grade III  Grade IV



Cords seen .....  Yes  No

Stylet .....  Yes  No

Eschmann used.....  Yes  No

Fiberoptic bronchoscope used.....  Yes  No

Other technique: \_\_\_\_\_

Successful technique: \_\_\_\_\_

### Anesthesia

Topical (awake) – with sedation .....  Yes  No

Inhalational

Intravenous

Muscle relaxant .....  Yes  No

Easy mask ventilation .....  Yes  No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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